

T H E T O W N O F
MERRIMAC

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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARINGS

Wednesday, November 2, 2011

Present were Steve Peetz, Chair, Supervisor Terry Frosch, Supervisor John Gaedke, and Tim McCumber, Town Administrator & Clerk – Treasurer.

Peetz first called a **PUBLIC HEARING** to order to consider the adoption of Town Ordinance 2011-06 to post speed limits on town highways. The purpose is to include South Lake Road which is no longer under enforcement jurisdiction of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Richard Grant spoke in favor. No other persons spoke. Motion to adjourn by Frosch, Peetz. Motion passed. Peetz called the next **PUBLIC HEARING** to order regarding the proposed 2012 Town Budget. McCumber reported the proposed levy actually goes down by \$2 with overall spending decreased by 2.37%. Grant spoke in favor of the budget. No other persons spoke. No other persons spoke. Motion to adjourn the hearing by Gaedke, second by Peetz. Motion passed.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Present were Steve Peetz, Chair, and Tim McCumber, Town Administrator & Clerk – Treasurer. Also in attendance were Richard Grant, John Gaedke, Terry Frosch, and Orrin Carr.

A Special Town Meeting was held immediately after the Public Hearings to consider the **2011 Tax Levy payable in 2012**. Grant congratulated the board on holding the line not just with this budget, but the past budgets as well. Motion by Gaedke to approve the levy of \$205,299, second by Grant. Motion passed unanimously. Motion to adjourn the special town meeting by Gaedke, second by Frosch. Motion passed.

MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, November 2, 2011

Present were Steve Peetz, Chair, Supervisor Terry Frosch, Supervisor John Gaedke, and Tim McCumber, Town Administrator & Clerk – Treasurer.

Chairman Peetz then called the **TOWN BOARD MEETING** to order. McCumber confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed. The board considered approval of minutes of the town board meeting of October 5, 2011. Motion by Frosch to approve, second by Gaedke. Motion passed. The board reviewed the financial reports and approval of bills. Motion by Peetz to approve, second by Frosch. Motion passed. Under **PUBLIC COMMENT**, no one appeared. Under **CORRESPONDENCE**, the town received a notice from the Town's Attorney noticing a rate increase for 2012. The town also received a contract from VandeWalle & Associates for consideration next month. Under **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**, Richard Grant, representative to the Badger Oversight and Management Committee (BOMC) reported the Ho-Chunk Nation was denied Badger Army Ammunition Plant (BAAP) lands because the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) withdrew their request. The 1,500 acres the Ho-chunk Nation was taking are reported to be clean lands; however, because of the local media reporting otherwise, they wanted an environmental assessment. He said Ho-Chunk Nation has been a very active and helpful participant in this process and because of their political clout; they were often able to acquire funds to assist BOMC. The by-laws say that all of the original members are entitled to a seat on the committee and the BOMC requested that they remain active in the process even though they are not acquiring lands. Grant said during his comments at the meeting, he was very critical of a couple of local government entities, but he made it clear his comments were personal and not those of the town during his presentation to BOMC. Peetz welcomed back Gaedke who was serving in support of operations in Libya. McCumber reported the old highway signs should be sold, but Denny Beich would need a letter from the town authorizing the sale. Since the sign order was placed, the price of aluminum has gone down. The board was given authority at a town meeting

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to sell property and because this is considered road business, the item does not have to be placed on the agenda as the board can act on roads at any time. A motion was made by Peetz, second by Gaedke motion to authorize Denny Beich to sell the old highway signs at a time when he thinks he can get the best price. There was no **OLD BUSINESS**. Under **NEW BUSINESS**, the board considered a request from Shellie Benish to donate \$100 to the Senior Citizen Fitness program for 2011-12. McCumber noted this is a decrease from \$200 as requested in the past. Motion by Peetz to donate \$100 for the Senior Citizen Fitness program by Peetz, second by Gaedke. Motion passed. The board then discussed the Merrimac Area Fire District Budget for 2012 reflecting a 7.445% decrease from the previous year. Peetz serves on the fire commission and said their budgeting efforts are really paying off. He believes the fire commission will be able to stay this rate for a while. Motion by Peetz to approve, second by Frosch. Motion passed. The board considered action regarding the adoption of Town Ordinance 2011-06 to post speed limits on town highways. The purpose is to include South Lake Road which is no longer under enforcement jurisdiction of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Motion by Frosch, second by Gaedke to adopt Town Ordinance 2011-06. Motion passed by unanimous vote. The board finally considered adoption of the proposed 2012 town budget. Motion by Gaedke, second by Frosch to adopt the 2012 town budget. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Motion to adjourn by Frosch, second by Gaedke. Motion passed.

Town Officers: Steve Peetz, Chair, 493-2106; Terry Frosch, Supervisor, 493-2891; John Gaedke, 356-2301; Supervisor, 493-2891; Tim McCumber, Town Administrator and Clerk-Treasurer, 493-2588 (**please, no calls at residence except for emergencies**). Assessor: Steve Mahlik, Equity Appraisal, LLC, 608/826-0009. Email address: townmerr@merr.com. Building permits are required in the Town of Merrimac. Contact Tim McCumber for permits and zoning regulations (tnadmin@merr.com). Town website: <http://www.tn.Merrimac.wi.gov>. Special Garbage Collection requests to Peterson Sanitation: 608/524-6603.

TAX BILLS ARE NOT READY UNTIL AFTER DECEMBER 1ST.

DOG LICENSING FOR 2012

Dog licensing for 2012 begins December 1st. To license you dog, send in a copy of the rabies certification from your vet showing the dog's name, color, breed, & sex. Spayed/Neutered dogs are \$5; all others are \$10. **You MUST include a self addressed stamped envelope.** The town will not mail back your license without it.